NATIONAL FFA FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONTEST - Members of the Virginia FFA State Farm Business Management Team met recently with the Special Project Sponsor of the contest Mr. Jim Browning, Dealer Management Services, Deere & Company of Moline, Illinois. The team was one of 34 FFA teams participating in the National FFA Farm Business Management Contest at the 51st National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Team members shown, left to right, are Dale Garrett, Stephanie Gilliam, Ronnie Richardson and their Advisor/Coach B. K. Waddell of Appomattox who accompanied them. The National Farm Business Management Contest is sponsored by John Deere as a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Rocks

November 13 - Farmers were glad of the tobacco season last week.

George Kress returned home from the hospital on Monday.

Mrs. Kenneth Richardson had surgery at Virginia Baptist Hospital last week. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Rev. A. M. Taylor was called back to Davenport, Iowa because of the illness of his daughter-in-law's brother who was undergoing an operation last week.

Mrs. Helen Inge and Mrs. Louise Roach attended a council meeting at Brookneal church on Wednesday.

Sympathy is extended the McDowell family of Brookneal. Rev. W. H. Elder attended the funeral at Falling River Church on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John returned from Canada on Wednesday afternoon after a most delightful trip to see their son, Dennis and family.

Mrs. Margaret Marshall returned to the home of her son Jimmie near Oakville on Sunday.

Rev. A. M. Taylor, Helen Inge, Louise Roach and Ruby Almond will attend the General Association in Roanoke on Tuesday.

Rev. Jerry Letheo was visiting in the neighborhood last Monday while in a revival at Rustburg last week.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder attended the funeral of Mrs. Doc Franklin at Hollywood Church Sunday afternoon. A very large crowd was there.

Ronnie Richardson returned from a week in Kansas City, Mo. after a most delightful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ranson spent Saturday night in Roanoke with Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Wilcox.

The Friendship Circle had their November meeting with Mrs. Ruby Almond on Tuesday afternoon.

The time change of the evening services on Sunday and Wednesday night at Rocks will be 7 on Wednesday nights and Training union at 6 on Sunday with the evening worship service to follow at 7. This is for the time we are on standard time.

State Virginia Baptist Meeting in Roanoke at the Civic Center Auditorium. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Group I WMU Mission Study Class at Elon Baptist Church, Pamplin November 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Service at Rocks on November 22. Covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. Preaching service at 7:45.

Sympathy is extended to the Richard Carwile family near Pamplin.

Hollywood

Mrs. Mattie C. Franklin passed away early Friday morning after a long illness. Deepest sympathy is extended to each of her love ones. A large crowd attended her funeral Sunday afternoon at Hollywood Church.

Mr. and Mrs. David Austin and Mrs. Alfred Almond were real sick last week with a virus. We are glad they are all able to be out again.

Mrs. Kenneth Wingfield and son of Roanoke spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family.

Mrs. J. L. Torrence spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. W. T. Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield of Roanoke spent Thursday in Appomattox. They were supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family.

Mrs. James Carson returned home Wednesday after visiting relatives in Herndon, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson of Lynchburg were dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence were week end guest of Mrs. Julian Grow of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Harry Johnson of Vernon Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mrs. Delourious Deaner, Mrs. Andy Davis, Mr. R. G. Austin, Mr. Alfred Almond, Mr. L. L. Webb and Mr. James Woodall.

HURTSVILLE NEWS

Rev. R. Williams and choir, of Charlottesville, will render a program the fourth Saturday of this month at 7 p.m. at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church for the benefit of the Men's Club.

November 24 at 3 p.m. there will be a drawing of $30.00 worth of beef, also there will be a plate dinner - $2.00 a plate at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church asking everyone who sold tickets to please be there on time.

On the third Sunday at 3 p.m. the Senior Choir will be with their pastor at St. Luke Baptist Church to celebrate Rev. McLaughin's anniversary. Rev. K. W. Davis will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Madlyn Davis and family were the Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carter. Mr. Reed Berkley is home from the hospital doing nicely.

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GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

Energy Conservation Tips

Many of you are constantly seeking ideas and ways that you can save on energy in the home. Not only do you want to save on your utility bill, but you also want to save energy so that we will have a source in the years to come. I'd like to share with you some ideas that you can save energy in preparing food. Some tips for conserving energy when cooking are as follows:

1. Oven cooking is more economical than surface cooking.
2. Cook several dishes or the entire meal in the oven at one time. If you need help on oven meal ideas, you may get these from our office.
3. There is no need to preheat an oven unless you are preparing foods that contain leavening agents.
4. Don't be an oven peaker! The oven loses about 20% of its heat each time the door is opened.
5. The use of ceramic, glass or stainless steel containers allow the oven temperature setting to be reduced approximately 25 °F.
6. Clean self-cleaning ovens while they are still hot from meal preparation.
7. When using surface units, match pan size to the size of the unit and use tight fitting lids.
8. Add only enough water to food to keep the contents from sticking while cooking.
9. Use flat bottom, straight sided cookware.
10. Aluminum or copper bottom pans are more energy efficient than others.
11. After food has reached cooking temperature, reduce heat setting.
12. Turn the unit off shortly before cooking is completed and allow the residual heat to finish the cooking or heating.
13. Keep the heat reflectors on the range clean to provide heat efficiency.
14. Pressure saucepans require less energy than conventional cookware.
15. Small appliances such as fry pans, toasters and coffee makers should be used instead of ranges as often as possible.
16. Microwave ovens are more efficient for cooking small quantities of food or for quick heating.
17. Thaw food in the refrigerator before cooking.
18. Prepare multiple recipes of food such as spaghetti sauce or stew which have longer cooking times.

Hopefully the above tips will be helpful to you as you attempt to save energy in preparing food for your family. In the next few weeks, I will be sharing other information about how you can save energy in the home.

Should you have a particular problem or need certain information concerning energy conservation in the home, please call us at 352-8244 or write us at P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you. Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Anne's Sweet Potato Pound Cake

1 cup butter
2½ cups mashed sweet potatoes, cooked
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup pecans
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
3 cups flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ cup coconut (optional)

Cream butter and sugar; add potatoes, beat until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Combine flour, salt, baking powder, soda, nutmeg and cinnamon; stir into creamed mixture. Add vanilla, pecans, stir in nuts and coconut. Spoon mixture into greased 10-inch tube pan and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour 15 minutes. If desired, spread with icing while hot.

1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1½ cups confectioner sugar

Blend cream cheese and lemon juice; slowly add confectioner sugar and beat until smooth. Spread over top of cake and let drip down sides.

Many thanks to Ann Robinson for sharing this delicious cake with us. It is one of the best I have ever eaten.

Appomattox County Library News

By Mary Jane Hoffman

The regular meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held at the library Monday afternoon, November 20 at 3:30 p.m. All members and interested persons are urged to attend to assist with planning for the coming year.

All those who helped with the workshops prior to Railroad Days, and there were many according to Mrs. Edith Nash, president of the Friends, are heartily thanked for their fine efforts and cooperation.

The Library still has many fine used books for sale at prices starting at 20c. It is hoped that proceeds from this sale will be ample so that new books can be purchased by Mrs. Glover, librarian.

A BIG GOSPEL SING. . . The Liberty Chapel Baptist Church will sponsor a big gospel sing on November 18 at 7:30 p.m. This Gospel Sing will feature the very well-known and outstanding "Virginians". This group is from Roanoke, Va. They have performed in many areas of the country and have been in our area many times. We extend to everyone a cordial invitation to come out and hear this great group.

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MRS. LAYNE'S 4-H CLUB

The October meeting was called to order by the president, Shawn Moore. Traci Moore led the pledges.

The minutes were read by the secretary, Anthony Bankes.

Games were selected by recreation leaders, Traci Paulette, Jeff Sayer, and Larry Hamlett. We played 7-Up and other games.

We talked about projects and selected projects. We also discussed Share-the-Fun which will be November 13.

The meeting was adjourned by the president.

Traci Moore, Reporter

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